

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

THE Harris mills at Providence, R. I., started up, on the 20th, after a shutdown of two weeks. The mills employ about 300 hands.

The annual trade review of the Galveston News for September 1, places the Texas cotton crop for the season of 1896-97 at 2,177,035 bales. Total for Indian territory 90,110 bales.

The New York Herald's correspondent in Montevideo says it is feared that the widow of President Bordo will become insane as the result of grief caused by her husband's assassination.

Much damage was caused in Middletown, N. Y., on the 2d, by a cloud-burst. The rain came down in torrents. Cellars were filled and sewers flooded beyond their capacity. The loss was heavy.

August of 1897 was the banner month in the history of the port of Baltimore, Md., so far as exports are concerned, their value amounting to the enormous sum of \$10,243,391, figures never before reached.

NOTWITHSTANDING the light receipts of new cotton during August, which were generally anticipated, operators look for a large crop, the most popular estimates being in the vicinity of 10,000,000 bales.

MRS. ELIZABETH PHOEBE KEY HOWLAND, only surviving daughter of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," is seriously ill at Oakland, Md. She is nearly 94 years old, and recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

The steamer Telegram left Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on the 1st, for the Michigan coast with 40 passengers, each of whom will prospect in the new Eldorado. The party includes several prominent citizens of the Sault.

It was announced in Madrid, on the 31st, that anarchists would no longer be allowed to land in England, and that, therefore, the government of Spain must deport them to some American republic or to a distant Spanish possession.

ONE reason why there will be a more genuine celebration of Labor day in New York city this year than there has been for five years past, is because there is, it is estimated, less unemployed labor than there has been at any corresponding time since 1892.

THE Volunteers of America are considering the matter of sending men to the Alaska gold fields in the spring. If the rush to the new diggings continues the men will doubtless be sent. The Salvation Army has already decided to send a band of workers up among the miners.

In accordance with an order issued by Judge Withrow, of the St. Louis criminal court, the paraphernalia seized in the recent raid on the pool rooms was cremated on the city hall grounds, in the presence of a vast crowd of spectators.

MRS. JOHN DREW, the veteran comedienne, died, on the 31st, at Larchmont, a suburban resort on Long Island sound. She has been a sufferer from several years from a combination of kidney and heart troubles. She was born in London in 1820, and had been on the stage since 1836.

GEN. WEYLER's last decree is an order commanding the Spanish troops throughout the island of Cuba to move into the larger towns, leaving the interior entirely free. Stringent orders have been issued also that any pacifists caught cultivating farms in the interior will be shot at sight.

THE wheat crop in the province of Santa Fe, Argentina, is calculated at about 10,000 tons, scarcely more than enough to supply the province for the year. What is true in Santa Fe province, it is said, is true in the other provinces; that is, none will furnish more than enough grain for home use.

MISS MARGARET CRAVEN, daughter and only child of the woman who is fighting for a share in the Fair estate, was married at San Francisco, on the 1st, to Henry Koehler, of St. Louis. It will not matter to Miss Craven whether her mother wins the big suit or not, for her husband is a millionaire.

E. C. LITTLE, private secretary of Gov. Leedy of Kansas, has been decorated by the khedive of Egypt with the insignia of the grand cordon of the imperial order of Mejidieh of the Ottoman empire. The decorations arrived at Topeka, on the 31st, by express, accompanied by a certificate from the sultan of Turkey.

A DISPATCH from Washington, on the 1st, said: "There is no disposition among officials here to question the correctness of the statement in the dispatches from Hawaii to the effect that Minister Hatch hurried to Honolulu with the special purpose of securing annexation action by the Hawaiian government in advance of the meeting of our congress."

THE election for president of the republic of Venezuela was held on the 24th. Owing to the great popularity of the incumbent, General Castro, the liberal candidate, Dr. Rojas Paul and Gen. Hernandez, who were running in the interests of the conservative and progressive conservative parties, respectively, retired from the contest.

J. B. GONZ, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Decatur, Ill., was found dead in bed, on the morning of the 2d. He retired at night in fairly good health. Mr. Gonz was almost 80 years old. He was grand master of the grand lodge of Illinois in 1867 and 1868, being the oldest living grand master in the masonic order.

JOHN C. WOODS, superintendent of mails at the Louisville (Ky.) post office, brought suit, on the 2d, against Postmaster-General Gary and the post office department authorities to prevent them from removing him from the service. The case probably will be a test of the power to remove a government official embraced within the civil service laws.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

GEN. WOODFORD, minister to Madrid expected to start from Paris to San Sebastian, on the 30th, to present to the queen regent the proposition of the state department for ending the war in Cuba. The result of his mission is awaited with much interest.

It is estimated that in Oklahoma territory, during the year 1897, the stock, grain, fruit, and all other products will amount to \$100,000,000. Of this the people at home will consume 60 per cent., leaving \$40,000,000 of products for export.

SECRETARY GAGE and Attorney-General McKenna issued a joint circular, on the 30th, to collectors and customs officers and marshals relative to the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws. It is proposed to let the suspects pass on to their destination, and arrest and try them where they are supposed to be known and can be identified if their claims are genuine.

THE next official maps of the Canadian government will show a change in the spelling of "Klondike." The new diggings and the river will be referred to officially hereafter as "Troandik."

HERMAN W. VAN ZANDEN, private secretary to Secretary Carlisle in the administration, and Dennis J. Canty, formerly a clerk in the interstate commerce commission, were arrested in Washington, on the 30th, on warrants charging them with embezzlement of \$4,887 from Wilking & Co., a brokerage firm. They were charged also with maintaining a gambling table.

OPERATIONS were resumed at the Atlantic mills at Lawrence, Mass., on the 30th, after a shutdown of four weeks. This gives employment to about 1,200 hands. Work was also resumed in the weaving department of the Methuen company's mills at Methuen, Mass., where nearly all of the 450 operatives employed in those mills are now at work.

THE Catholic board of school commissioners of Montreal, Can., having refused to comply with the order of the provincial board of health to refuse entrance to their schools to children without vaccination certificates, the city will station officers at all the Catholic schools to vaccinate the children.

THE Great Falls cotton manufacturing mills at Somersworth, N. H., resumed operations on full time, on the 30th, after having run 40 hours a week since May.

THE state bank of McPherson, Kas., of which Senator Royal Matheis is president, failed, on the 31st, with liabilities amounting to \$28,000. The bank was placed in charge of Bank Commissioner John W. Breidenbach.

THE board of naval officers appointed by the secretary of the navy to examine facilities for the manufacture of armor plate investigated the plant of the Illinois Steel and Iron Co., at South Chicago, on the 30th. Three days will probably be spent in looking over the various branches of the works.

THE car will visit Paris at the end of August.

MRS. ANNIE KIRK and her husband, W. S. Kirk, have sued W. A. Atwood, a San Francisco dentist, for \$250 damages, alleged to have been sustained because he positively refused to examine the lady's teeth after he had agreed to do so in good condition. The reason for his refusal was that she went to his office on her bicycle and wore bloomers.

At Harrisburg, Pa., on the 31st, by a vote of 33 to 26, the state democratic committee adopted a resolution declaring vacant the seat of William F. Harris, of Philadelphia, on the Democratic national committee.

ANXIETY as to the fate of the Yukon steamer P. B. Wear, said to be laden with gold, was set at rest, on the 31st, by advice that the Wear was tied up near Circle City, repairing her boiler.

WHILE making hay near Bartlesville, I. T., on the 31st, Smith Lonsbury set fire to the grass, in order to destroy a nest of bees. The fire got beyond his control, and considerable hay and several farm buildings were destroyed before it was subdued.

ON the 31st the Seattle (Wash.) chamber of commerce received a letter from miners at Skagway, warning people of the fatality of trying to reach the Yukon by that route this season.

ONCE more Paris is singing the Marseillaise, and accounts from the provinces show that the whole country is given up to delicious rejoicing over the Russian-French alliance.

FRED MCCONNELL, cashier of the Ambia bank of Ambia, Ind., has fled the city and about \$4,000 of the bank's funds are said to be missing. The bank failed to respond to a recent call from the state auditor for statements.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg says that a German sailor, who stabbed a Russian in a public garden during the visit of Emperor William, was tried by a naval court-martial and shot.

THE filibuster Bermuda, with her machinery still out of order, remains at Port Antonio in the custody of the government of Jamaica, which paid off the crew and officers and defrayed their passage to New York.

CARR. MURPHY, who was convicted and fined \$500 some time ago for non-compliance with the customs regulations which exempted him from the duty on his goods, having failed to pay his fine, has been sent to prison at Kingston, Jamaica, for 30 days.

TIMOTHY TRAXTOR, who had been an outcast from his home for many years, returned to the parental roof in Oakland, Cal., on the 30th, at midnight. His father refused to take him in, and he stabbed the old man so seriously that he was arrested upon a charge of assault to murder.

OSKAR LAMPFEE, one of the wealthiest men who have returned to the United States from the Klondike, is visiting relatives in Ottumwa, Ia., and vicinity. He went to Alaska two years ago and returned with over \$150,000. He also left a claim there which he estimates is worth \$1,000,000.

The sultan is following the events in India with the closest attention. He has ordered Turkish representatives in different countries to telegraph full reports of anything bearing on the situation without delay.

A 40-ton fly-wheel at Burgess' steel and iron works, at Portsmouth, O., burst, on the 1st, by a 4,500-pound iron stopping a roll. The mill was crowded with workmen, yet, strange to say, no one was seriously injured, although the building was riddled, beams 22 inches square being cut in two like straws.

DESTRUCTIVE fires are raging in the timber in the mountains along the north fork of Piney creek and near the head of Prairie Dog creek, in Wyoming. The fire is destroying large areas of valuable timber and threatening the homes of settlers.

FRED HORTON, a young flour miller of Los Angeles, Cal., has fallen heir to a fortune of about \$2,000,000, amassed by his father, Philip Horton, a well-known Californian, who died suddenly in Guaymas, Mexico, recently.

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY JAMES H. ECKELS, arrived at Helena, Mont., on the 30th, to take the en route for the Yellowstone national park, where he will spend ten days.

At Gila Bend, Ariz., on the night of the 1st, tramps robbed the drug store of John Pratt and stabbed the proprietor to death. There is no clew to the murderers.

THE silver made a new low record in the New York market on the 1st. The quoted price was 51 1/2 cents an ounce, one-fourth cent below the previous low record.

ON the 1st, the president appointed Mr. Henry Demas as naval officer of customs for the district of New Orleans.

THE price of white pine lumber is to be advanced in sympathy with the enhanced prices of agricultural products.

MR. RICHARD CROKER has consented to become the Tammany candidate for mayor of Greater New York.

JOHN F. McDONALD, an ex-sheriff of Milwaukee county, Wis., and who at various times has held positions in various local positions in that city, was, on the 1st, sentenced to six months at the county farm for vagrancy. Overindulgence in liquor is said to have been the cause of his downfall.

GOV. ELLERBE, of South Carolina, has given orders withdrawing the state constabulary force from every village, town and city in the state. Only a few constables will be retained in the country districts, where there are no local officials to enforce the dispensary law.

LOUIS BRENN, Daniel O'Brien, William O'Brien, Patrick Gillan and an unknown man were injured by the fall of an elevator in the Nelson Morris packing house at East St. Louis, Ill., on the 3d. BreNN's nose was cut off.

THE commission appointed to examine as to the mental condition of ex-Mayor Lockwood, of Glenwood, Wis., on the 3d, reported him insane and recommended that he be sent to an asylum.

A SPECIAL commission will meet in St. Petersburg, shortly, to discuss the introduction of universal and compulsory education in Russia.

A DISPATCH from Havana, dated the 2d, said: "The last two steamers which have sailed for Spain carried 1,600 sick soldiers."

ON the 3d Captain-General Weyler received from Spain \$2,000,000 in silver, to be used in defraying the expenses of the war in Cuba.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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A Great Exposition. The St. Louis exposition this year will be a great attraction. The management, composed of some of the most enterprising citizens of St. Louis, has secured many new attractions, and visitors will be greatly pleased. This is the only successful annual exposition in the United States, and St. Louis is very proud of the fact. Crops are bringing more money this year, and doubtless many who have desired to see the pleasing sights presented there every year, and have not been able to spare the money, will improve the opportunity this year. From 10,000 to 20,000 people visit the exposition every day, yet the building is so large that there is no crowding or inconvenience. One can enter the building in the morning and remain until 11 o'clock at night for only one price of admission, and wander through the various departments, finding plenty of places to rest, eat their lunch, which they can take with them or purchase in the building.

Missouri Crops. In the Missouri weather-crop bulletin issued August 31 the Missouri river corn is reported as maturing nicely, but in some of the late planting is suffering seriously from drought, and throughout nearly all of the southern half of the state the crop is drying up very rapidly. The hot winds of the 26th and 27th did much damage, and in many counties the crop is now too far gone to be benefited by rain. Early corn is maturing rapidly, and cutting has begun in all sections. In some of the northern counties the ground is reported in good condition to work. Plowing has progressed well, and some wheat has been sown, but over the greater portion of the state the work is nearly at a standstill, and in many places not a furrow has yet been turned.

The Missouri University. President Jesse of the state university, Columbia, has sent out a circular letter announcing that "the state university is the only institution of higher learning in Missouri in which students may receive thorough instruction at the same time in all of the following branches: Pedagogy, drawing, manual training, agriculture and horticulture. Our shops have cost over \$50,000. We have the best equipment for teaching horticulture to be found anywhere in the Mississippi valley except Shaw's garden, St. Louis. Progressive teachers should anticipate the coming movement in favor of industrial studies in the district schools and prepare themselves therefore."

A Gratifying Increase. Kansas City packers and dressed beef companies are enormously increasing their business. The number of animals bought by packers in August, this year and last, and the increase, are here shown:

This year. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Last year. 105,454 186,736 62,400. 34,588 88,197 24,000. Increase. 70,866 98,539 38,400.

There was an increase of 25 per cent. in the number of cattle slaughtered, and an increase of 104 per cent. in hogs, and an increase of almost 90 per cent. in sheep. Taken altogether, Kansas City packing houses slaughtered 70 per cent. more animals last month than in August, 1896.

Business Booming in St. Louis. The enormous business now being done in St. Louis, says the St. Louis Republic, has resulted in a practical blockade of some of the downtown streets. Washington avenue from Broadway to Twelfth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth streets between Lucas avenue and St. Charles are so blocked with goods in boxes, waiting to be shipped, that it is impossible for a practical blockade of some of the downtown streets. Washington avenue from Broadway to Twelfth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth streets between Lucas avenue and St. Charles are so blocked with goods in boxes, waiting to be shipped, that it is impossible for a practical blockade of some of the downtown streets.

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A HUSBAND'S STORY.

His Wife Accused of the Murder of Many Infants.

Drime Covered a Number of Years—Alleged to Her Grassesome Industry by Many Physicians and Undertakers, All of Whom are Named.

New York, Sept. 3.—District Attorney Oloott made public yesterday a remarkable statement made by Herman Nack, the husband of Mrs. Augusta Nack, who with Martin Thorn, is charged with the murder of William Goldensuppe.

In his statement, Nack says that his wife has been killing infants for years. Nack states that his wife made a living through illegal operations involving the murder of children. He said that she was a so-called midwife, but that she had never had a diploma. At one time, Nack says, there were as many as six dead infants preserved in spirits in his room in their house. He also states that she murdered from two to three infants every year.

Nack also alleges that his wife was assisted in all the details by a number of physicians. He also draws in undertakers' names, charging all of them, both physicians and undertakers, with complicity with his wife. He says that they aided her in making way with the bodies of the children. Nack further alleges that many of the children were born dead, the result of Mrs. Nack's illegal business.

The statement of Mr. Nack was got from him through the persistent efforts of Assistant District Attorney Mather. Nack did not seem frightened by the news of her husband's action. When a synopsis of the affidavit was read to her last night she laughed and interrupted the reading at several points to say: "Oh, that's a lie."

At the end she said: "What a lie, every word of it. But I shall say no more until I see my lawyers. Nack will have to prove what he says."

Counsel for Martin Thorn read the affidavit to him.

"I don't believe it," said Thorn. "I never saw babies in jars in Mrs. Nack's house and I never knew of the bodies of babies being buried there or sent away to undertakers."

Two of the doctors mentioned in the affidavit disclaimed any knowledge of Mrs. Nack's wrongful doings.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

The Defendant's Indifference to His Wife's Disappearance Testified to by Capt. Schuetter—Sensitive to Newspaper Criticism, but Careless of the Fate of the Woman—Wrote Testimony in His Own Hand.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—The indifference of Luetgert after his wife had disappeared was the principal fact brought out against him to-day. It was shown by the testimony of Police Captain Hermann Schuetter that Luetgert did not show any concern regarding his wife and never took the trouble to ask the police whether they had found any trace of her or not.

On occasion he called at the police station to protest against an article in a daily paper saying that his first wife had not died a natural death. The police at this time were dragging the river, poking into clay holes and patrolling the lake shore in the hope of finding some trace of the missing woman, but Luetgert, after he had complained of the paper, left the station without even asking if the police had found any trace of his wife.

When the police first became aware of the disappearance of Mrs. Luetgert through her brother, they asked Luetgert what theory he had regarding her disappearance and he said that in his opinion she had become insane and wandered away from home. He had not reported her going away either to the police or to his neighbors, because, he said, it was a disgrace to have an insane wife and he did not want people to know anything about it. Capt. Schuetter said that in all the work the police did on the case before the arrest of Luetgert they never received any help or suggestions from the husband and he never seemed to care whether they found her or not.

Luetgert announced to-day that he intended to take the stand and testify in his own behalf. He said that he had talked the matter over with his attorneys, and that they had consented that he should do so. He said that he would tell all about his actions on the nights preceding the disappearance of his wife, and would convince the jury that he had done nothing wrong.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The Question Being Studied by Postmaster-General Gary.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Postmaster-General Gary received from the postmaster-general of Canada a full explanation of the postal savings bank system in vogue there. He also received letters in regard to the system from prominent men all over the country and farmers, especially as banking facilities for the latter are extremely limited. The postmaster-general is gathering all information possible regarding savings banks, and it is believed, in his annual report, will call attention to the best features of the systems of the various countries having such banks, and will recommend that congress authorize the establishment of postal savings banks in the United States.

A Board With a Big Job. WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The special army board created by Secretary Allen to draw plans for garrisoning the new coast defense works had its first meeting at the war department yesterday. It is expected that the work before the board will occupy it for a long time, relating as it does to the construction of barracks and quarters at many points, drainage, the supply of artillerymen to each point of defense and, perhaps, the propriety of a general increase of force in the artillery arms.

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